

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re U.S. Continuation Patent Application of:
Donald Martin Monro

From PCT/GB98/00360 (filed 05 February 1998)
And British Application No. 9703441. (Filed 19 February 1997)

For: "Progressive Block-Based Coding For Image Compression"

Mailed: August 17, 1999

**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION
OF AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION**

Box Patent Application
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior International Application No. PCT/GB98/00360 filed February 5, 1998 entitled "Progressive Block-Based Coding For Image Compression" which designated the United States. Enclosed are the Specification, Claims and Abstract, and one (1) sheet of Informal Drawings (Figures 1-3). The application being submitted for filing is a copy of PCT/GB9/00360 as filed.

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Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This Application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/GB98/00360, filed February 5, 1998, now

pending (which is hereby incorporated by reference)." Priority of foreign Application No. GB 9703441.7, filed February 19, 1997 in Great Britain is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).

A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. We also enclose for completeness copies of the following for the Patent Office's convenience:

- PCT Request mailed 4 February 1998;
- Notification of the International Application Number and of the International Filing Date mailed 19 February 1998;
- Notification Concerning Submission of Priority Documents mailed 03 March 1998;
- The first page of the International Application published 27 August 1998 as Publication Number WO 98/37700;
- Notification of Receipt of Demand mailed 17 September 1998; and,
- International Preliminary Examination Report for PCT/GB98/00360 completed 28 October 1998.

Please address all future correspondence to the undersigned attorney for Applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

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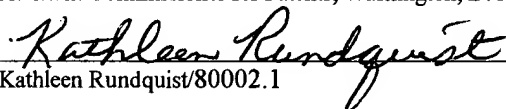
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This is a Continuation of pending PCT International Application No. PCT/GB98/00360 filed February 5, 1998 claiming priority from GB 9703441.7 filed February 19, 1997.

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